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persons affected by the Lower Bhavani Project. As regards Malampuzha Project, the Collector's proposals for relief and rehabilitation of the persons affected are under consideration."

* 793 *Q.*—SRI K. C. GOPALAN UNNI : Will the Hon. the Minister for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have received any memorandum from Messrs. R. Krishnan, T. C. Narayanan Nambiar and K. C. Gopalan Unni, M.L.As. in August 1951, regarding the relief to people affected by the execution of the Malampuzha Project; and

(*b*) if so, the action taken thereon?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU :—" (*a*) Yes, Sir.

" (*b*) The representations are under consideration."

SRI M. NARAYANA KURUP :—" On a representation made with regard to relief to the persons dispossessed in connection with the Malampuzha Project, the Government, on 4th March 1954, gave a reply stating that they would be opening a boat service across the Malampuzha Reservoir and that agricultural labourers 'thrown out of employment due to acquisition of lands for the project will be assigned small plots of land'. I would like to know whether anything has been done in pursuance of the assurance given by the Government in this interval."

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU :—" In pursuance of the assurance given, many things are being done. A ferry service has been opened and it is continuing. As regards rehabilitation of the unemployed and depressed persons by assignment of lands, the Collector is taking steps. As regards relief to Adivasis, it is proposed to house them at the dam site where we have got hutments. But it is also thought that they may not live there because they want to live like free birds. They may go away to the jungles. If they cannot live there, then we shall take steps to put them on some other land. As regards relief to the landless cultivators and unemployed labour, permission has now been given to a particular company to run a boat service so that the people may go across the reservoir and work on the field. As regards compensation for crops submerged, the Government have foregone their legitimate due. On the last occasion when I was answering a question on this subject, I said that the Government had given up Rs. 10,000 on account of this. As regards acquisition of lands which became inaccessible on account of the formation of the reservoir, there is now a ferry service and people can go across the reservoir. There is also a proposal to have a road along the bank. Estimates have been called for from the Engineer and when they are received, steps will be taken."

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SRI O. KORAN :—" May I know how many families have been affected by the construction of the Malampuzha Project and how many of them are Adivasis? "

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU :—" I cannot give the exact figures now. May be a few hundred in both the cases."

SRI R. KRISHNAN :—" മലമ്പുഴ പദ്ധതിയുടെ പണി കഴിഞ്ഞതോടുകൂടി ആയിരക്കണക്കിനുള്ള തൊഴിലാളികൾക്കു ജോലി ഇല്ലാതെ വന്നിട്ടുണ്ട്. മലമ്പുഴയുടെ തെക്കും പടിഞ്ഞാറും ഭാഗങ്ങളിൽ കിടപ്പുള്ള തരിശുനിലങ്ങളും കുററിക്കാടുകളും ആ തൊഴിലാളികൾക്കു പതിച്ചുകൊടുക്കണമെന്നു ഞങ്ങൾ മെമ്മോറാണ്ടം കൊടുത്തിട്ടുണ്ട്. അതിനെ സംബന്ധിച്ചു ഗവർമ്മെണ്ടു എന്തു നടപടി എടുക്കാനുദ്ദേശിക്കുന്നുവെന്നറിഞ്ഞാൽ കൊള്ളാം. "

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU :—" With regard to the memorandum only, I gave a lengthy answer."

SRI M. NARAYANA KURUP :—" The Adivasis were forced to lead the life of destitutes during one rainy season. Will the Government see that the hutments promised by them are constructed before the coming rainy season? "

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU :—" Hutments are available. The only trouble is whether they will go and live there. We are anxious to house them there."

Standing Labour Committee

* 794 *Q.*—SRI N. K. PALANISAMY: Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Madras Government were represented in the Standing Labour Committee meeting held on 11th August 1954 at Madras;

(*b*) whether this Government made any recommendation to the Committee for the amendment of the Factories Act; and

(*c*) if so, what are the recommendations?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" (*a*) Yes, Sir. The Minister for Agriculture represented the Government of Madras at the 14th Session of the Standing Labour Committee held at Madras in August 1954.

" (*b*) & (*c*) This Government suggested to the Government of India that the Factories Act, 1948 might be amended so as to give power to the State Governments to exempt factories from the provisions of the Factories Act in suitable cases when in their opinion such exemption was called for. The Government of India included this suggestion as an item for discussion in the agenda of the 14th session of the Standing Labour Committee."

SRI N. K. PALANISAMY :—" அந்தக் கூட்டத்தில் பீஸ் ரேட் 11-20 a.m.
தொழிலாளர்களும் டெம்பரரி தொழிலாளர்களும் பாக்டரி ஆக்டை அமு ராக்கக்கூடாது, இப்பொழுது இருக்கும் பாதுகாப்பை எடுத்துவிடவேண்டும்